SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

_______________________________ March 31, 2016
Chairman of Committee Date

Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources, & Energy.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB16-174 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

Amend printed bill, page 6, line 14, strike "study" and substitute "pilot project".

Page 6, lines 20 and 21, strike "study along the front range" and substitute "pilot project".

Page 7, after line 26 insert:

"SECTION 11. Reservoir dredging project - appropriation.
(1) For the 2016-2017 state fiscal year, $1,000,000 is appropriated to the department of natural resources for use by the Colorado water conservation board. This appropriation is from the Colorado water conservation board construction fund created in section 37-60-121, C.R.S. To implement this section, the Colorado water conservation board may use this appropriation to conduct a reservoir dredging project in partnership with a water provider such as a municipality, district, or irrigation company, subject to the approval by the board with a cost share amount not to exceed fifty percent.

(2) The money appropriated in subsection (1) of this section remains available for the designated purposes until July 1, 2018, at which time the unencumbered balance of the money reverts to the unappropriated balance of the Colorado water conservation board construction fund."

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1 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

2 Page 9, line 14, before "AREA" insert "LOCAL".

3 Page 9, line 20, strike "PROVIDERS;" and substitute "PROVIDERS IN COLORADO;".

4 Page 10, strike line 6 and substitute "ACQUIRED PROJECT WATER IN THE LOCAL AREA WITHIN COLORADO.".

5 Page 10, line 14, after "(3)" insert "(a)".

6 Page 10, after line 17 insert:

    "(b) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PRECLUDES THE USE OF WATER ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION FOR COMPACT COMPLIANCE. IN THE EVENT OF A COMPACT CALL, WATER ACQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION SHALL BE TREATED NO DIFFERENTLY THAN ANY OTHER DECREED WATER RIGHT IN THIS STATE.".

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